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The main purpose of this communication is to differentiate the two phases of thought, that a clear concept may be entertained of the laws and principles which underlie the doctrine of absorption. Absorption into Nirvana involves the law of that character of human progress which eventuates in the transition of the human being from his material, tangible, and visible existence to some condition not perceptible to the outside sense. The theory of absorption implies that when a man reaches the point of overcoming,—having and perfecting in his natural life,—he passes through a transition which modern interpretation deems an obliteration of his identity and con-

sciousness. This interpretation placed by modern Christianity upon the Buddhistic idea of absorption into universal consciousness or unconsciousness, not defined, results from the vagueness of the Christian's idealism of Deity. Deity is an all-pervasive spirit, according to modern conception, as it were a great illimitable mental ocean. Absorption into this ocean of illimitability, the Christian concludes, must necessarily constitute a loss of identity and independent individual existence, because the modern Christian's mentality is befogged by the modern secular scholastic cult.

To study the law of absorption, means that the mind must become familiar with the law of the cross. By the law of the cross, we mean the law of transmutation. This involves a knowledge of the origin and destiny of matter. In the sense in which chemistry deals with matter, there is no such thing as an atom of matter. There is a least divisible form of matter. When matter has reached by friction or agitation (the vibration of matter) its least possible division or reduction, any further agitation changes it to spirit. The destruction of the atom and its transition to spirit (physical energy) constitute the source of constant spiritual supply. The law operates inversely, for the source of matter is the transformation of spirit. Spirit, which is as substantial as matter, in its materialization becomes matter; but to insure this constant transmutability, there must eternally exist the two coördinate states

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and qualities of substance. These two states and qualities are differentiated by the two coördinate terms—spirit and matter. Matter is not spirit, but it becomes spirit; spirit is not matter, but it becomes matter. This quality of interchangeability belongs to the two states of the one substance. Matter is constantly one half of the universe; spirit is constantly the other half; *substance* is a term that covers both spirit and matter.

According to chemistry, matter is atomic—atoms of matter are indestructible, eternal, and unchangeable. Different substances, as water and sulphuric acid, are merely different combinations of atoms; water being composed of two equivalents of hydrogen and one of oxygen, while sulphuric acid is $H^2 S O^4$, which means there are two parts of hydrogen, one of sulphur, and four of oxygen. This the alchemical system absolutely denies. When different forms of substance enter into what has been denominated chemical compounds, the substances are utterly destroyed as to their distinctive characters, and the combination is a creation of a distinct substance.

The doctrine of evolution is founded upon the basic principle of the transmutation of matter as above defined; hence we reiterate the statement that no man who believes in chemistry can consistently accept the doctrine of evolution, nor can any man accept the doctrine of Buddhism and theosophy, and at the same time believe in the chemical theory. The theosophist who pretends to believe in both, simply shows his ignorance. The higher alchemy pertains to the principles which belong to the life of man as that life relates to the life of God and to the Gods, to the Son of God, and to the Sons of God.

There are two distinct qualities of absorption. These depend upon the great fundamental truth of material existence; namely, center and circumference of form and function. The universal man (involving the external human, the spiritual human, and the angelic, with the realm of the Deities, which includes, therefore, somic, pneumatic, and psychic existence) is in the form of the alchemico-organic cosmos (the physical world), and is the man in his greatest magnitude. This humanity has a center and a circumference. The center of intellect and affection, wisdom and love, is God. Every domain corresponds to every other in the fact that it has its own center and circumferential sphere. It follows, then, that in the progress of human development there must appear a central figure called the Son of God and the Son of man. The absorption of this personality whenever he appears, is an absorption into the focal center or nucleus of being; the Son thus sits upon the throne of his Father.

There also comes in the progress of human development, a time when there obtains a coördinate absorption. This absorption is not finally into the central nucleus, but into the order of intellectualities; these are

the Deities or Gods. The process of absorption is through the operation of the higher alchemy. Man is composed of every material in the universe. As the so called elements are destructible, convertible, and not eternal, they are subject to the great law of transmutation. Not only are they convertible from one substance to another, but they are convertible to spirit. Man thus reaches his perfection, obliterating the desires of his lower life and augmenting the aspirations of his ascending purposes until he annihilates his lower self and is absorbed into his interior Godhood. He is thus enabled to ascend beyond the angelic spheres into the realm of Deity.

If we study the record of the Christ of the Christian dispensation, we could wonder at the ignorance of those who pretend to teach the doctrine of absorption and cannot recognize the truth regarding the claims of Jesus the Lord to the Sonship of God, and the fact that in his absorption he sat upon the throne of his eternal Father, becoming one—in that throne—with the Godhead into which he was absorbed.

Organic life culminates in the highest form of matter, in which resides and obtains the highest quality of spirit. This organic form is man. He reaches his final perfection by ascertaining the laws of his being, and thence making an application of those principles to his life. Man attains to his highest material state (in which there is a corresponding and coördinate function) through a knowledge of natural and physiological law. The attainment of natural immortality or the highest life in the body, which is man's arch-natural being, depends upon a scrupulous discrimination and application to life of the highest physiological principles and laws. These are to be found in the Mosaic Decalogue.

The Christian church today lays great stress on the physical crucifixion of Jesus. Genuine Christianity, in so far as it relates to the cross of the Lord, sees in it the great law of alchemy, wherein, through the dematerialization of the Lord's visible body, its material substance was transmuted to the spirit of dissemination, and was thence absorbed in its radiant transmission, into the church of its receptivity. Thus the Spirit of Jehovah (that is, the Christ of God) entered into, and commingled with the spirit of the church. This union of God and man constituted the cross of Christ, that is, the crossing of the Spirit of God, which was holy, with the spirit of man, which was unholy. The crucifixion on the cross of wood, while a fact, was but a type or figure of the genuine crucifixion of God and man. It is by this genuine cross that the Lord was planted in the race, to regenerate (reproduce) the Sons of God.

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There are three persons in the Godhead, according to the doctrines and creeds of Trinitarianism. One person of the Father, one person of the Son, one person of the Holy Ghost. These three persons were three invisible, spiritual, and eternal beings. They are each one God, each equal to either of the others. Each one is God in perfection, for each has the attributes of all. One of these persons, the Son, as old as his Father, by virtue of a mutual agreement took upon himself a natural form, hence he is called God incarnate, God in the flesh; and the Roman church emphasizes the phraseology, "Mother of God," as pertaining to the Virgin Mary, because she was the natural mother of the Lord Jesus. No one in the church would dare to say the mother of a part of God.

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Prevailing Fallacies Concerning the Brotherhood of Chaotic Humanity; the Genuine Reformer Must Understand Man and Cosmos; the Sons of God are Archists, not Anarchists.

ALL "REFORMERS" agree upon the desirability of some social arrangement by which the principles of equity and justice may be made to apply to all human affairs. With a certain class there is a prevalent conception that God is our common Father, and there is necessarily a common and universal brotherhood; hence the hackneyed phrase: "the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." In this general conception of the relation of humanity to the Cause and Source of its being, the human mind—like a great pendulum—oscillates from the one extreme to the other of its vibration from the central point of gravity. The Christian church has departed from the genuine principles of primitive Christianity, and through its deviation from, and perversion of the principles, precepts, and practices of Christian charity and fellowship, has brought the doctrines of the Lord Christ into disrepute with many, and the mental pendulum swings as far in one direction as it was out of norm in the other.

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When in the activity of any sphere of operation there are wearing out and waste from that sphere, there is a precipitation or fall into the underlying sphere; such precipitation belongs to the law and operation of gravity, coördinate with which there are also the law and operation of levity. We therefore must admit the existence of ascending and descending principles and forms; and this is true of every sphere, every domain, and every phase of activity in life and death. It is thus that we may observe, if we will, the two directions of all things not only in physics, but also in metaphysics; and when we consider the operation of the law of correspontential analogy, we may readily observe the corresponding ascent and descent of every vidual of the human race.

It does not require a very profound reasoner to understand the fact that thousands of the race are descending, under the influence of mental darkness and evil, to the realm of hades, while others—under the guidance and guardianship of the center of mental light and heat (love)—are ascending toward the Father-Mother of the divine and eternal life. These latter comprise a brotherhood when the state of their perfection is attained and they come into a knowledge of their relations of fellowship, and they have a Father-Mother—the Lord God. The very laws of being compel us to distinguish between those who may comprise a brotherhood and a fellowship of organic unity, and such as are under the domain and influence of fallacy and evil, and cannot, under any consideration, influence, or power, attain to order and brotherhood.

In the development of the ascending forms of life, there is an ultimate attainment to the perfection of a general order. This order comprises suborders, genera,

and species, the degrees of which are so defined that there can be no encroachment of one sphere upon another, nor of one member upon another, any more than the constellations in the alchemico-organic cosmos can encroach upon one another. In this state and stage of development, every member of the order has the laws of the universe written in the heart; the laws of order are understood, and the love of order governs the entire fellowship so that any written code outside of that which is written in the heart is nonessential. This condition with its quality of life has its reflex in the perversions of truth in what is called anarchy, for it is an absolutely eternal law that every thing and quality in the universe has its opposite, and every plane of cosmos has its antithetical chaos. "Anarchy," or that which is called anarchy, is but the reflex of truth and good as they obtain in the order of the Sons of God. Every Son of God is a law unto himself; he is therefore not an anarchist, but the archist, because he is a law unto himself—the law being written in the heart—and he requires no law outside of himself to guide his life. Change the life of the individuals first, and the environment will be made to conform to the quality of the mass.

The environment of Christendom during the universal sway of Catholicism was the power of the Roman Catholic church, with its hell and purgatory, having their keys in the hands of the papal hierarchy. The growth of the liberty of thought and the breaking away from the restraints of the church of Rome, changed the environment. The change came in the mind first, and the change of mind changed the environment. This is according to the law of progress. Do away with law and order, even though the law be arbitrary, and let loose the fiends of chaos under the conviction that if we change the environment we will improve conditions, and we would precipitate among men the activities of the most consummate hell and disorder. The anarchy of today is but the reflex of the heavenly Archy.

While the heart of man is in the chaotic state and stage of its being, worldly governments must and will obtain. All worldly governments are degenerate departures from the original divine kingdom in the earth. They will continue until the new kingdom of heaven is established in the earth, when they will be dissipated by the power of God's rulership. Then will be fulfilled the prediction: the old heavens and the old earth shall pass away, and there will be new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. The new heavens and new earth will be the new church and the new state, the remarriage of God and man.

The only true standard of value is the relation of demand and supply. The false standard of value is the fictitious margins of protection. The remedy is the

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The environment of Christendom during the universal sway of Catholicism was the power of the Roman Catholic church, with its hell and purgatory, having their keys in the hands of the papal hierarchy. The growth of the liberty of thought and the breaking away from the restraints of the church of Rome, changed the environment. The change came in the mind first, and the change of mind changed the environment. This is according to the law of progress. Do away with law and order, even though the law be arbitrary, and let loose the fiends of chaos under the conviction that if we change the environment we will improve conditions, and we would precipitate among men the activities of the most consummate hell and disorder. The anarchy of today is but the reflex of the heavenly Archy.

While the heart of man is in the chaotic state and stage of its being, worldly governments must and will obtain. All worldly governments are degenerate departures from the original divine kingdom in the earth. They will continue until the new kingdom of heaven is established in the earth, when they will be dissipated by the power of God's rulership. Then will be fulfilled the prediction: the old heavens and the old earth shall pass away, and there will be new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. The new heavens and new earth will be the new church and the new state, the remarriage of God and man.

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While the head of this administration was feted at Los Angeles, Wall street became a scene of mad excitement. The very day those ceremonies which seem to show such harmony of feeling took place, will be memorable as Blue Thursday—a day when thousands of small speculators were ruined. The press, as the organ of the money power, speaks lightly of this disaster, and dwells upon the noble conduct of the bankers who steadied the market so quickly; but even the press admits that great numbers of the middle class lost everything, while the large firms escaped. This is the old, old story! Can this be called a united nation of free men, when the gambling instincts of merciless and mercenary stock brokers can produce such fluctuations in finance? The fortunate who were of course among those already more than wealthy, bought stock at 84 and sold at 700 in the swift mounting of values. The President of the United States is virtually an emperor, and the honors he receives are almost as imperialistic as if the inauguration ceremonies had given him a crown; but peace and prosperity do not wait upon an empire that is founded upon the love of money and impelled by competition. Its future history will be written in blood. The cup of discontent is filled to the brim and must soon overflow. Despite the demonstrations that seem to evince unanimity of feeling, there is another and an opposing force that is gathering strength every day. In the ancient banquets when the guests were crowned with flowers and sated with meats, the emblem of death was set before their eyes to remind them of mortality. While flowers were showered upon the brilliant cortege in California, a specter was gliding in and out among the throng,—the specter of the wage slave, and his pale forehead wore no garland.

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Health Culture.—Dr. Cyrus Edson discusses Sleep and Dream Life in the May issue, and reports excellent results in treating insomnia by means of static electricity. Carleton Simon, M. D., has an interesting Study of Inheritance, Mental, Physical and Prenatal. A wide range of subjects is covered by other articles among which are: Baths and Bathing, Diseases of Children, The Philosophy of Eating, and Curing by Suggestion. The Health Culture Co., 481 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Teachers' World.—The pages of the May number are filled with helpful suggestions in many departments of instruction. The initial article is an outline study of History in the Elementary Schools by the Supt. of Schools. New Haven Conn., Memorial day recitations, a food plant chart and a Natural History Chart are given. Special hints to Kindergarten teachers form another important feature. Single copies, 10 cents. Bemis Publishing Co., 13 Astor Place, New York.

The Higher Law.—This little periodical gives its readers much that is of value to those who are in touch with the various movements known as New Thought, New Metaphysics, Mental Science, etc. The Higher Law Company, 272 Congress street, Boston, Mass.

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brated at the Hague yesterday.—Chinese situation puzzles London.—May 20.—Evert Conway, of Evansville, Ind., kills two neighbors, policeman, and himself, after setting fire to barn and killing herd of cows; fancied injustice in business matters the cause.—Chinese court returning to Peking; Empress dowager asks funds of Chi Li province.—Aged man leaps into Niagara Falls.—Turkey submits to international postal conventions.—Machinist's strike begins all over United States.—Dedication of Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo; Vice-President Roosevelt present.—May 21.—Funeral of Mrs. Lyman J. Gage.—Woman confesses murder of James Ayers in Washington hotel.—Strained relations between France and Portugal.—Cuba yields to American plan. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. control Northern Pacific shares.—Daughter of Ex-President Cleveland ill with diphtheria.—Standard Oil Co. swallows up Linseed Oil Co.—Russian government orders telegraph department not to send messages of sympathy to Tolstoy.—Chicago officials plan campaign against Healer Dowie.—General Lacuna with 30 officers and 245 men, surrenders to Gen. Funston.

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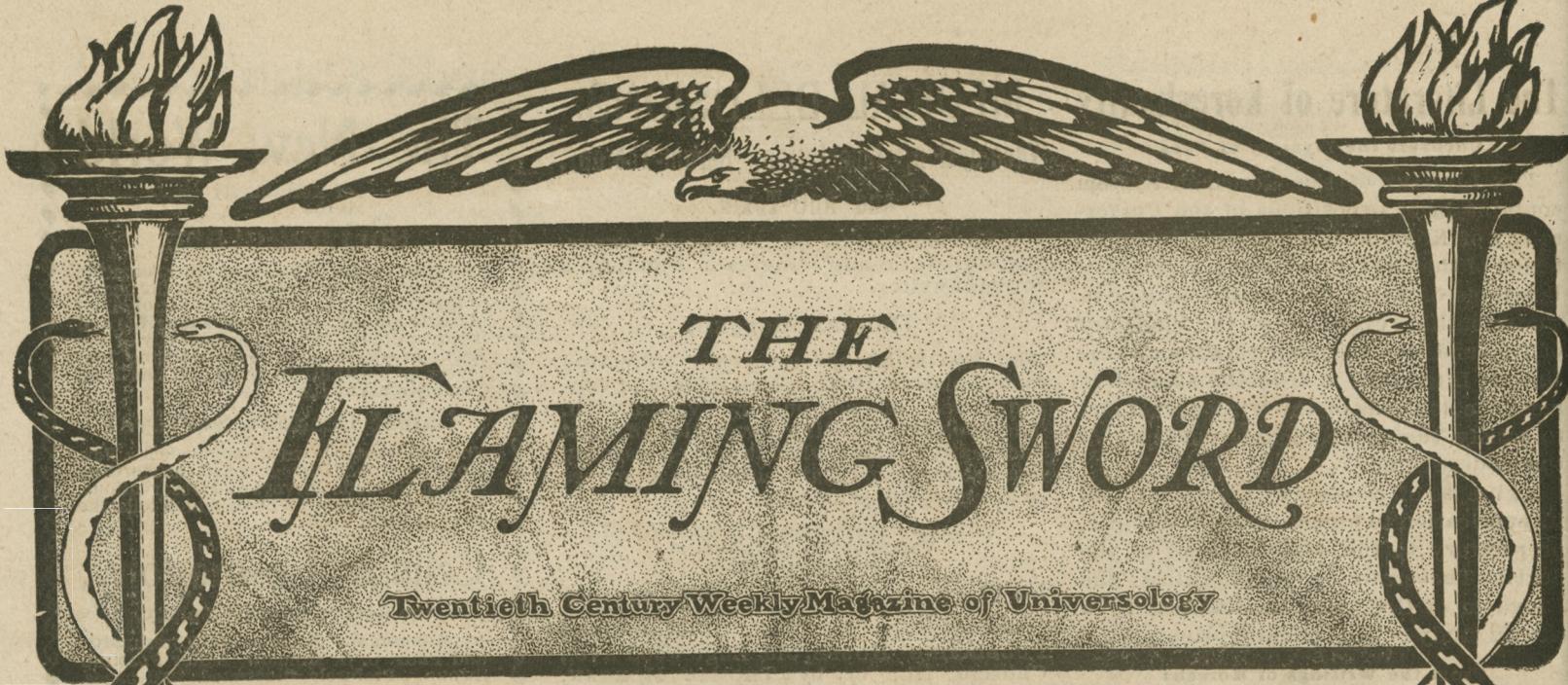
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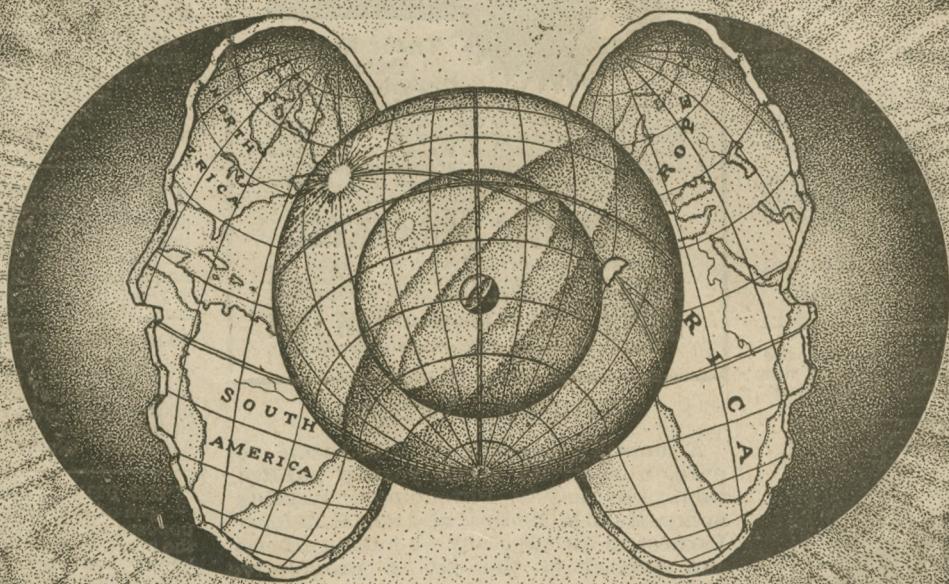
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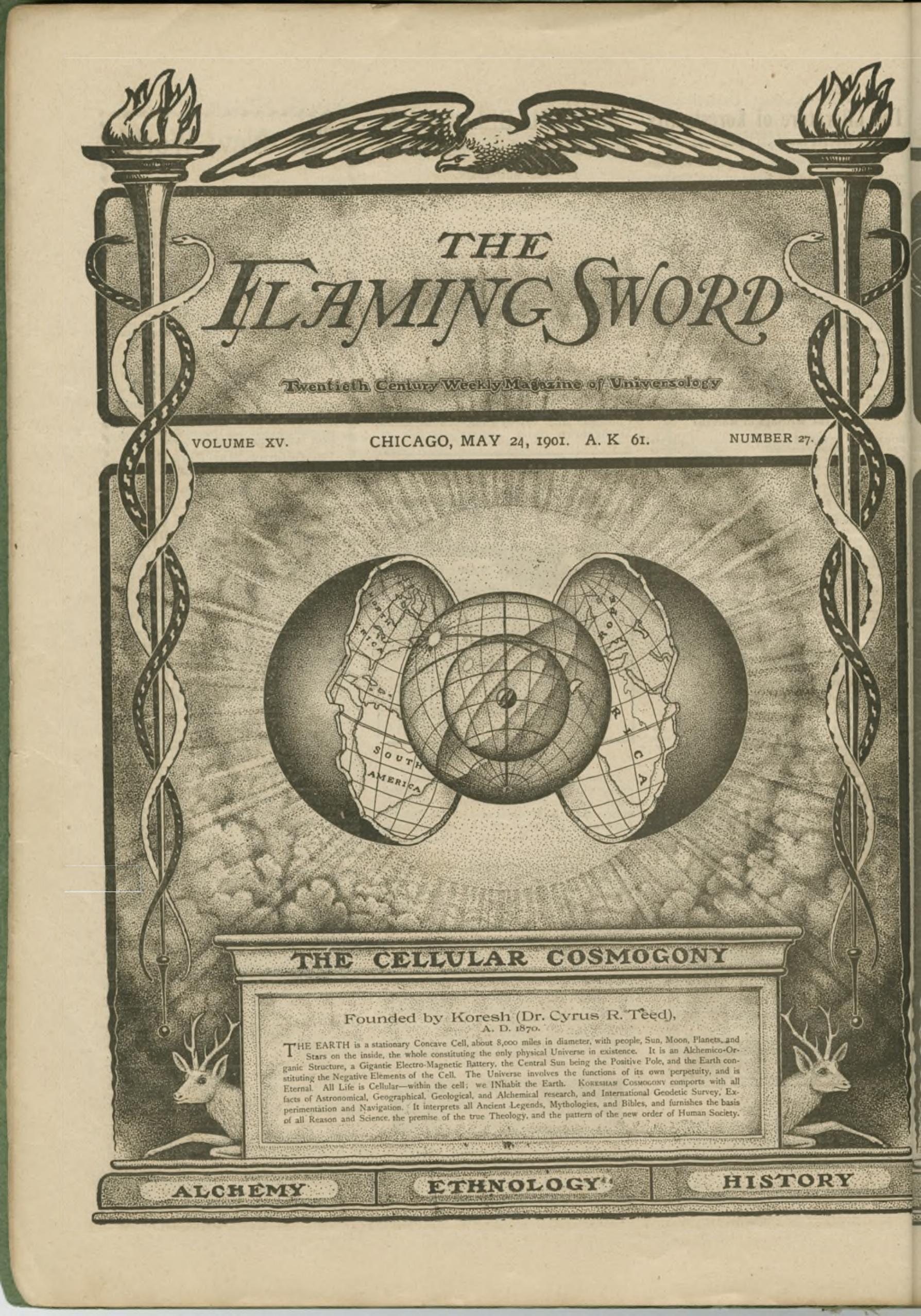
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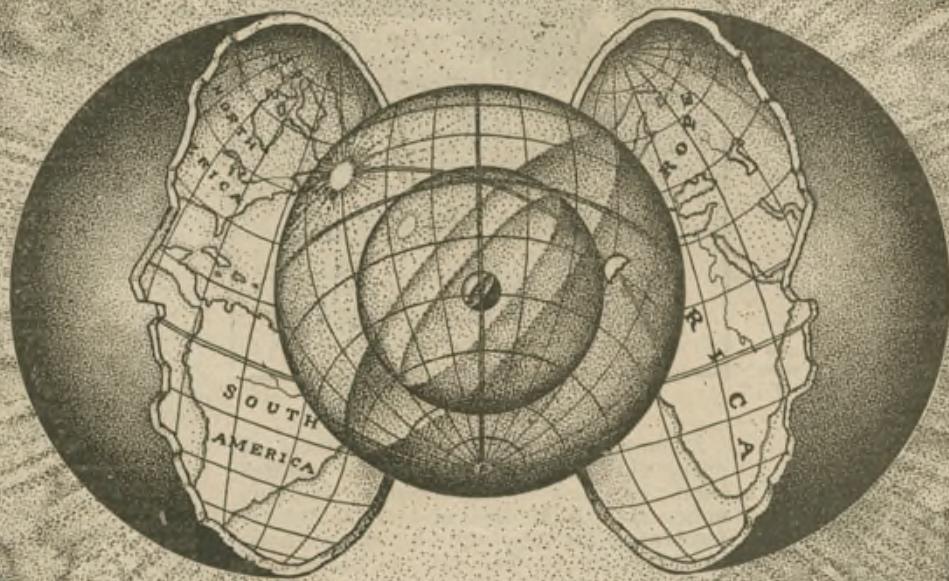
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